

Remarks

Claims 2-14, 16-18, and 20 were pending in the above-identified application when last examined. Claim 2 is amended to include the limitations of allowed claim 3. Claim 4 is amended to depend from claim 2. Dependent claim 5 is changed to an independent claim that includes the limitations of claim 2. Claims 3, 7, 8, 11-14, 16-18, and 20 are canceled. Claims 2, 4-6 and 9-10 are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Examiner rejected claims 2, 7, 8, 11-14, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over various cited references. To expedite prosecution and without prejudice, Applicants cancel claims 3, 7, 8, 11-14, 16-18, and 20 to render their rejection moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner indicated that claims 3 and 4 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The limitations of allowable dependent claim 3 are included in independent claim 2. Accordingly,

amended claim 2 is in condition for allowance. Claim 4 depends from amended claim 2 and is therefore in condition for allowance.

The Examiner indicated that claims 5 and 6 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Dependent claim 5 is changed to an independent claim including the limitations of claim 2. Accordingly, amended claim 5 is in condition for allowance. Claim 6 depends from amended claim 5 and is therefore in condition for allowance.

The Examiner indicated that claims 9 and 10 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 9 is an independent claim and therefore is not dependent upon a rejected base claim. Accordingly, claim 9 is in condition for allowance. Claim 10 depends from claim 9 and is therefore in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that Applicant's pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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